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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1965

Incorporating a report on
the sanitary circumstances
of the District prepared
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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 4,878
Rateable Value at April 1st, 1965
..... £465,564
Sum represented by a penny rate
..... £1,882

Number of occupied houses
..... 4,572
Number of Council Houses
..... 920
Population (mid. 1965)
..... 12,550

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate

Male 128
Female 126
Total 254

Illegitimate

Male 9
Female 7
Total 16

All live births

Male 137
Female 133
Total 270

Still births:

Male 3
Female 2
Total 5

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated
population 21.5

DEATHS

Deaths: All causes

Male 64
Female 89
Total 153

Deaths from puerperal causes
NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Male -
Female 3
Total 3

Death of infants under 1 week of age

Male -
Female 3
Total 3

Death rate per 1,000 estimated
population 12.2

Causes of Death:

<u>Registrar General's</u> <u>Classification</u>		1965		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	8	8
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other	4	4	8
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	2	2
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10	21	31
18	Coronary disease, angina	19	13	32
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
20	Other heart disease	3	14	17
21	Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	2	3	5
24	Bronchitis	5	2	7
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	1	1
26	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of the prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	10	18
33	Motor Vehicle accidents	4	-	4
34	All other accidents	-	2	2
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes		64	89	153

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Tuberculosis

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

This is the first occasion on which it has been possible to report that no new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

Cases residing in the District at the close of the year were distributed as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary tuberculosis	10	8	18
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	3	3	6
Totals	13	11	24

Other infectious disease

The following cases were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	28
Whooping cough	2
Puerperal pyrexia	1
Dysentery	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS.

No formal action was necessary during 1965.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

Supplies of water continue to be satisfactory in quantity and quality. Three samples of water examined bacteriologically were found to be sterile.

One private well was closed during the year. Only one dwelling is now dependent for water on a private supply. This water was sampled and found to be satisfactory.

The only extensions to public water supplies in 1965 were minor ones on housing estate development.

Sewage and Sewage Disposal.

No major extensions or improvements to sewers in 1965. New lengths of storm water sewer were laid and foul sewers extended for housing estate development.

At the Sewage Disposal Works, the construction of two additional percolating filters was completed during the year

Public Cleansing.

This service is administered by the Engineer & Surveyor. House refuse is collected by direct labour on a weekly basis and is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The same labour force also collects 246 bins of trade refuse from 148 properties weekly. A charge is made of £2.5.0. per bin per annum for this service. The trade refuse scheme is operated by the Health Department, as is also the Council's dustbin scheme. For a charge of 6/- per annum this latter scheme offers the ratepayer an alternative to the purchase of his own house refuse bin. At the end of the year 2406 Council dustbins were in use at 2263 properties.

Inspection of the Area.

Number of complaints received -	462
Premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with - -	857
Inspections made (as overleaf)	8,046

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Nature of Inspection.

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	5
Bakehouses	8
Dairies	10
Drainage Works	84
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	1,635
Infectious Disease Enquiries	5
Food Poisoning Enquiries	-
Food Premises	508
Offensive Trades	4
Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,085
Schools	3
Shops & Offices	367
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	626
Smoke Control	33
Caravans, etc.	29
Verminous & Dirty Premises	25
Water Supplies	8
Factories & Workshops	52
Rodent Control (including visits by Rodent Officer)	3,095
Other Inspections	464

Notices

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	14	12
Issued during year	28	180
Complied with during year	33	184
Outstanding 31st December	9	8

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	1	2
Issued during year	8	-
Complied with during year	7	-
Outstanding 31st December	2	2

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued	2
Visits to premises	4
Contraventions found	NIL

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering,
etc. 1.

Special classes of premises and Occupations subject to control.

Written consent to establishment of trade of Rag
& Bone Dealer renewed. 1.

Written consent to establishment of trade of
Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker
in operation. 1.

Five inspections were made of these premises which were found
to be satisfactory.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has
proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 3,095
Visits and Inspections have been made during the year, in
routine survey of the District & treatment at premises. Infest-
ations by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business
& agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council
properties are inspected regularly & treated as required.

Swimming Baths.

83 inspections were made of the Public Swimming Baths
and attention paid to the operation of plant, routine tests
and maintenance of a good swimming water throughout the year.
6 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all
were satisfactory. Repairs were carried out to the
purification plant on three occasions. At the end of the year
the Baths were closed for major reconstruction works.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

No new site licences were issued. There are 4
licences operative in respect of individual vans.

Vans were removed from unlicensed sites on
4 occasions.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

No formal action was taken. Complaints of
industrial noise from two premises were investigated and
dealt with informally. A complaint of noise from dogs was
under investigation when the owner disposed of the dogs
following a court case.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Premises inspected	_____	86
Inspections made	_____	390
Informal Notices served	_____	10
Informal Notices complied with	_____	13

Ice Cream.

62 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies registered	2
Distributors registered	7
Inspections made	21
Contraventions found	NIL

Milk Sampling.

Sampling for the detection of infection with living tubercle bacilli or *Brucella abortus* was continued. 3 samples were taken, all proving satisfactory.

3 samples were also taken for bacteriological examination, and were satisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse.

48,833 animals were slaughtered during 1965, all of which were examined before leaving the abattoir.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

A multiple grocery Company was prosecuted under Section 8 of the Act, for the sale of mouldy sausages. The Company pleaded guilty and was fined £20 plus costs of £5.5.0.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	5,387	40	27	27,523	15,856
Number inspected	5,387	40	27	27,523	15,856
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	3	-	17	49	38
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,808	11	4	1,303	1,467
Percentage of number affected with disease other than tuberculosis	33.62%	27.5%	77.78%	4.91%	9.49%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	137
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.06%	-	-	-	0.86%

Seven carcasses were found to be infested with cysticercus bovis & were subjected to refrigeration, the affected organs being condemned. Two sheep carcasses were totally condemned due to generalised cysticercus ovis.

Total weight of meat & offal condemned - 41,662 lbs.
(18tons.11cwt.3 qrs.26lbs)

Meat Stalls

Number of Inspections _____ 112

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections _____ 34

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of Inspections _____ 320

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned.

Meat at retail shops _____ 179 lb.

Meat at Wholesale depot _____ 301 lb.

Cooked meat & meat products _____ 18 lb.

Canned meats _____ 84 lb.

Fruit & vegetables _____ 210 lb.

Other foods _____ 4384 lb.

5,176 lb.

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) _____	200
Number of inspections made for the purpose _____	448
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation _____	4

Houses demolished or closed in the period

<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons displaced</u>
Demolished	6	1
Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	6	12

REPAIRS in the period

	<u>Number of Houses</u>
Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period	
(i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts _____	52
(ii) as a result of formal notices under Public Health Acts _____	-

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants _____	12
(b) Number of applications approved _____	11
(c) Number of applications refused _____	1

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants _____	52
(b) Number of properties improved during year	41

New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-	
(a) By Local Authority _____	12
(b) By private enterprise _____	120

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority _____	-
(b) By private enterprise _____	105

TOTAL number of Post War Houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority _____	605
(b) Private enterprise _____	1,113

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year _____	376
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Number of applications received during the year _____	145
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Number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939 _____	319
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OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The total numbers of registered premises at the end of 1965 were:-

Offices	47
Retail Shops	117
Wholesale shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	22
Fuel Storage depots	<u>2</u>
	<u>193</u>

334 visits were made to registered premises during the year. 173 of these were general inspections. All registered premises have now received a general inspection.

Persons employed in registered premises totalled 453 males, 626 females.

Notices were served in respect of 263 contraventions, 94 of these were remedied by the end of the year. The figure of 263 might appear high in relation to the number of premises, but it includes all items such as non-provision of thermometers, first-aid boxes & Abstracts as well as contraventions of a more serious nature. On the whole standards were found to be good.

Three accidents of a minor nature occurring on registered premises were notified during the year.

During the month of November, light meter readings were taken in 23 offices. The readings, in lumens per square foot, measured at the working plane were as follows:-

(a) less than 5	- 1
(b) More than 5 but less than 10	- 4
(c) " " 10 " " "	15 - 7
(d) " " 15 " " "	25 - 9
(e) More than 25	- 2
	<u>Total 23</u>

Using the same scale for 22 shop premises results were:-

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Selling Area</u>	<u>Working Area</u>	<u>Stock Rooms</u>
(a)	2	3	5
(b)	-	1	4
(c)	5	2	2
(d)	9	12	-
(e)	6	4	-
	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>11</u>

Where there were packing & preparation rooms it was found that lighting standards compared well with those of other parts of the shop. Maximum lighting in the shops was 35 lumens (compared with 30 for the offices). Stock rooms on the whole appear to be poorly lighted.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	39	25	-	-
(2) Factories not in- cluded in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	88	21	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	6	6	-	-
Total	133	52	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which pro- secutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspect- or	by H.M. Inspect- or	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate venti- lation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conven- iences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT
Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making, etc.	17

